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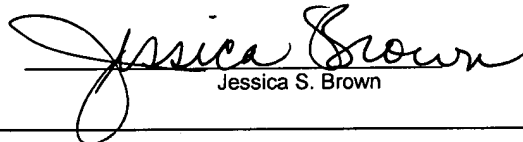
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION** begins on page 2 of this paper. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 3 of this paper. **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 12 of this paper.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time. Please charge to our Deposit Account No. 501946 the requisite amount to cover the petition fee for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). With this extension, the new period for response is due on January 27, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 501946.